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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON REFORM: FOLLOW UP
TO THE PARIS MEETING

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1. WE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET, ALFRED CAHEN, THE MORNING OF JUNE 9 THAT THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO BELGIUM'S FOUR CONDITIONS FOR A JOINT DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON THE BASIS OF THE WORKING PAPER AGREED TO AT THE PARIS MEETING. WE STRESSED TO CAHEN OUR VIEW THAT THERE WAS A CONSENSUS IN PARIS THAT THE DEMARCHE MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE BRUSSELS MEETING AND REVIEWED WITH HIM THE SUGGESTED COORDINATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES AIMING TOWARDS A JOINT DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU DURING THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 10-11.

2. CAHEN SAID THAT HE HOPED JOINT DEMARCHE COULD BE MADE DURING THE WEEKEND AND BEFORE THE BRUSSELS MEETING BUT THAT BELGIUM IS STILL AWAITING A RESPONSE

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FROM THE FRENCH. HE STRESSED THAT KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON MOBUTU TO REFORM IS THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE, AND SAID THAT JOINT DEMARCHE WOULD STILL SERVE THAT PURPOSE EVEN IF IT IS NOT MADE UNTIL AFTER THE BRUSSELS MEETING. CHAMBERS

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